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NON-INCLUSION OF HANDLOOM SECTOR IN T.U.F.S
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

the reasons for the non inclusion of the handloom sector to the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

Financial assistance under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme is extended primarily for upgradation of technology by installing state of the art or near state of the art machinery and equipments. Since the loan is given for upgradation of machinery and handloom sector does not use any power driven or advanced machinery, the sector is not covered under the TUFS. However, processing of fibre / yarn / fabrics / garments etc. used or produced by handloom sector is eligible for assistance under TUFS.